

REMARKS

The applicants have carefully considered the official action dated December 30, 2005, and the references it cites. In the official action, claim 52 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Trishevsky et al. and claims 53-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Trishevsky et al. in view of Toutant et al. In addition, claims 2, 3, 6-8, 10-16, 19-45, 47-51, and 58-65 were indicated as allowable, and thus, will not be discussed further herein. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application.

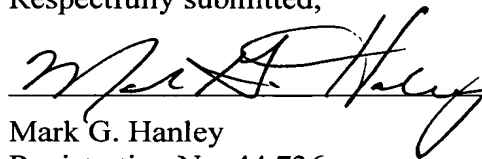
As an initial matter, the applicants would like to thank the examiner for the interview conducted on January 24, 2006, to discuss rejected claims 52-55. During the interview, the patentability of the rejected claims was discussed and the examiner indicated that the applicants should file a formal response incorporating arguments for patentability of those claims. However, at this juncture, the applicants elect to cancel claims 52-55 without prejudice to expediently further the instant application to allowance and wish to preserve the right to pursue canceled claims 52-55 via a continuing application.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration of the same. If there are any remaining matters that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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